REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 10 December 2004. Responsive to the objections and rejections made in the Official Action, Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the combination of elements which form the invention of the subject Patent Application and Claim 3 has been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by any of Galvin, U.S. Patent No. 6,223,703, Hagiwara, Japanese Patent Publication JP03085307, or Polesy et al., PCT Patent Application Publication WO 85/01312. However, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 3 therein, thereby effectively rewriting Claim 3 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim, Claim 1, and any intervening claims, which there were none. Claim 2 is now dependent upon an allowable base claim, and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

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It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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